THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c)

CANTEENS:

Railway Canteens functioning in railway establishments for the benefit of railway employees fall in two categories, viz. (a) Non-Statutory; and (b) Statutory. The canteens are subsidized to the extent that expenditure on canteens with regard to the following items is borne by the Railways and is not taken into account in fixing the cost of meals. However, the expenditure so met is not quantifiable in financial terms.

(1) Non-Statutory Canteens:

Cost on account of staff, necessary accomodation, gas equipment, sanitary and electric installations, furniture, cooking utensils, electricity and water, and uniform at prescribed scales.

(2) Statutory Canteens:

Besides the facilities given to Non-Statutory canteens, cost of utensils, plates, glasses and other necessary articles for serving meals, cost of coal, fuel including cooking gas, and other expenditure on providing and maintaining the canteen as required under the provisions of Factories Act and rules framed by the State Government thereunder are also borne by the Railway.

RESTAURANTS:

Refreshment rooms/Restaurants at the Railway Stations over entire Indian Railways provide catering services to the travelling passengers. These are managed Departmentally as well as through private incensees. No subsidy or grant is given by the Government to Railways in regard to Restaurants, Refreshment Rooms or any other catering/vending activities under the control of Catering Department.

Doubling and Electrification of Rail Lines in Orissa

1521. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the action plan of Railways for completion of doubling and electrification of rail lines in Orissa;

(b) what is the total Budget allocation in whole of the country, particularly for doubling and electrification of rail-lines; and

(c) what is the amount allocated in budget for this purpose for Orissa, West Bengal, Bihar and Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Investment planning on the Railways is done in a national perspective. It is a need based exercise which takes into account the requirements of the system as a whole, operational importance of projects, their physical progress, national and strategic significance, social relevance and the availability of resources. Action Plans for completion of Railway projects including doubling and electricity projects are drawn up accordingly. State Boundaries do not per se form a criterion for drawing up action plans on Railway projects as a large number of Railway projects span more than one State.

However, details of doubling and electrification projects in Orissa are given in the Statements enclosed. (*see* below). Progress of these projects is being monitored at appropriate level.

Fund allocations are not made state-wise. Total Budget allocation in whole of the country for plan expenditure for the year 2000-01 is Rs. 11,000 crores which includes procurement of rolling stock, construction of New Lines, Doubling, Gauge Conversion, Electrification, etc. Out of this, Rs. 655 crores have been allocated for Doubling works and Rs. 325 crores have been allocated for Electrification projects.

Statement

Status of Ongoing Doubling Railway Projects in ORISSA : 2000-01

S. No.	Project	Cost	Budget Outlay 2000-01	Status of Work
		(Rs. in	Crores)	
1.	Rajatgarh-Barang	166.16	0.10	New work included in Budget 1999-2000. Will be taken up after obtaining necessary clearances.

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Budget Outlay 2000-01 (Rs. in Crores)	Status of Work
2.	Nergundi-Cuttack-Raghunathpur	119.83	30.00	The preparation of plans and estimates and land acquisition plans has been taken up. FLS has been completed for Nergundi-Cuttack section. Bridge work and earth work has been taken up in Kendrapara Road yard. Tenders for other sections are under finalisation. Doubling for Nergundi-Kendrapada Road (8 Kms) is targetted for completion by Dec. '2000.
3.	Titiagarh-Lanjigarh	112.65	15.00	The preparation of plans and estimates and land acquisition plans has been taken up. Tenders have been finalised for earthwork in three sections and for 1 major bridge.
4.	Talcher-Cuttack-Paradeep (2nd Bridges on Mahanadi & Birupa)	104.15	10.00	Soil investigation and detailed design on Birupa bridge has been completed and drawings are under preparation. Prequalification tender has been called for execution of bridge and M/S IRCON has been prequalified for Birupa bridge and they are under consideration for Mahanadi bridge. For Mahanadi consultant has been fixed for design and drawings and the detailed design is in progress. Tenders for bridge will be invited once the design is finalised.
5.	Raghunathpur-Rahama	72.93	9.00	Project completed and commission. Residual work is in progress and expected to be completed and commissioned by June 2001.

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Budget Outlay 2000-01 (Rs. in Crores)	Status of Work
6.	Rajatgarh-Nargundi	72.67	1.00	The section from Rajatgarh to Salegaon has been completed. The remaining section of 6 km has a fly over and would be ready by February, 2001.
7.	Khurda Road-Puri PH-I (Khjurda Road-Delang)	48.00	5.00	New work included in the Budget 2000-01. Preliminary arrangements taken up.
8.	Rahama-Paradeep	41.84	24.00	The preparation of plans and estimates has been taken up. Land acquisition has been processed and for 5 villages land acquisition has been submitted to the State Government. Earthwork and bridge have been taken up for 29 villages out of 30 villages. Work will be taken up once the land is made available.

Status of Ongoing Railway Electrification Projects in ORISSA : 2000-01

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Budget Outlay 2000-01 (Rs. in Crores)	Status of Work
1.	Bhubaneshwar-Kottavalasa	293.96	40.89	Work in progress and target for completion by March, 2003. Out of a total of 426 RKMs, 260 RKMs since energised upto March, 2000.
2.	Bokarao Steel City-Muri-Hatia-Bondamunda-Bimlagarh-Kiriburu/ Barsua n incl. Purulia-Kotshila	269.40	25.00	Out of a total of 434 RKMs, 221 RKMs energised till Mar., 2000. The entire section targetted for completion by March, 2002.

S. No.	Project	Cost (Rs. in Crores)	Budget Outlay 2000-01	Status of Work
3.	Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar incl. Talcher-Paradeep	323.48	40.05	Out of a total of 540 RKMs, 56 RKMs energised upto 31.3.2000. The entire work is targetted for completion by March, 2003.

Railway Over-Bridge at Sirhind in Punjab

1522. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction work of Rail over-bridge at Sirhind in Punjab has started;

(b) if not, the reasons for the delay; and

(c) the time schedule for completion of the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Target for completion of Railway portion of the over bridge is 30.6.2001.

Integrated Coach Factory at Jamalpur and Mujaffarpur

†1523. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to set up integrated coach factory at Jamalpur and Muzaffarpur in Bihar is pending with Government;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be cleared; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.